



NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This Funding Announcement is not a request for applications. This announcement is to provide public notice of the Department of Labor's intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

Funding Announcement	SGA 10-08
Project Title	Raising Public Awareness and Strengthening the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs, and Disabled to Better Protect the Rights of Workers in Afghanistan
Recipient	The Asia Foundation
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$500,000.00
Anticipated Length of Agreement	Through 6/30/2011
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through 6/30/2011
Award Instrument	Cooperative Agreement
NPS Point of Contact	

OVERVIEW

Cooperative Agreement TBD was entered into by and between the Department of the Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) and The Asia Foundation for the purpose of improving implementation of the Afghan labor law and to increase knowledge and awareness of the new Afghan labor code and regulations, and of internationally-recognized core labor standards among judges, workers, and employers in Afghanistan.

RECIPIENT INVOLVEMENT

The Asia Foundation agrees to:

To implement a project to improve implementation of the Afghan labor law and to increase knowledge and awareness of the new labor code and regulations, and of internationally-recognized core labor standards among judges, workers, and employers. Project activities include the following:

- Evaluating Afghan labor laws for compliance with internationally-recognized core labor principles and providing recommendations for any labor law and regulation reforms, as appropriate.

- Evaluate the adherence to internationally-recognized core labor principles and the labor code.
- Assisting the Ministry to develop regulations related to labor laws and internationally-recognized core labor principles.
- Assisting the Labor Ministry to develop and implement an information dissemination strategy to educate workers and workers' representatives and employers and employers' representatives on internationally-recognized core labor principles and their rights and responsibilities under the labor code.
- Assisting the Labor Ministry develop and implement a training program for members of the judiciary responsible for enforcing labor laws on internationally-recognized core labor principles and the provisions of the new labor code.

SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs did not solicit full and open competition for this award based on the following criteria:

DLMS-2, Chapter 800, Section 836g3, which provides that the recipient has unique qualifications to perform the type of activity to be funded.

In support of this authority, ILAB asserted, The Asia Foundation “continues to be the only organization currently working in Afghanistan with the authority and capacity to fulfill the goals of the labor law project.” The Procurement Review Board concurred that the Asia Foundation is the only responsible source.